



## Montana State Agriculture Overview - 2004

### Farms

Number of Farms	28,000
Land in Farms (acres)	60,100,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	2,146

### Livestock Inventory

Cattle and Calves - All (Jan. 1, 2005)	2,350,000
Hogs & Pigs - All (Dec. 1, 2004)	165,000
Sheep	300,000

### Milk

Milk Cows (Average head)	18,000
Milk Production per Cow (lbs)	19,278
Production (lbs)	347,000,000

### Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price(MYA), Value of Production

Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production Dollars
Wheat All	5,470,000	5,025,000	34.5 bus	173,165,000 bus	3.55 dols / bu	612,083,000
Hay All (Dry)		2,500,000	1.9 tons	4,760,000 tons	76.50 dols / ton	362,110,000
Wheat Other Spring	3,000,000	2,850,000	31.0 bus	88,350,000 bus	3.60 dols / bu	318,060,000
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)		1,400,000	2.3 tons	3,220,000 tons	78.50 dols / ton	252,770,000
Wheat Winter All	1,900,000	1,630,000	41.0 bus	66,830,000 bus	3.35 dols / bu	223,881,000
Barley All	1,000,000	830,000	59.0 bus	48,970,000 bus	2.85 dols / bu	139,565,000
Hay Other (Dry)		1,100,000	1.4 tons	1,540,000 tons	71.00 dols / ton	109,340,000
Wheat Durum	570,000	545,000	33.0 bus	17,985,000 bus	3.90 dols / bu	70,142,000
Potatoes Fall	10,700	10,600	335.0 cwt	3,551,000 cwt	7.50 dols / cwt	26,633,000
Potatoes All	10,700	10,600	335.0 cwt	3,551,000 cwt	7.50 dols / cwt	26,633,000
Lentils	78,000	72,000	1,400.0 lbs	1,008,000 cwt	15.60 dols / cwt	15,725,000
Peas All Dry Edible	68,000	63,000	2,010.0 lbs	1,266,000 cwt	6.00 dols / cwt	7,596,000
Beans Dry Edible All	13,000	12,700	2,240.0 cwt	285,000 cwt	26.30 dols / cwt	7,496,000
Corn For Grain	70,000	15,000	143.0 bus	2,145,000 bus	2.50 dols / bu	5,363,000
Oats	105,000	40,000	60.0 bus	2,400,000 bus	1.70 dols / bu	4,080,000
Flaxseed	20,000	19,000	18.0 bus	342,000 bus	7.90 dols / bu	2,702,000
Peas Austrian Winter	14,000	11,000	900.0 cwt	99,000 cwt	10.20 dols / cwt	734,000
Corn For Silage		51,000	22.0 tons	1,122,000 tons		
Sugarbeets	53,700	52,100	21.7 tons	1,131,000 tons		
Beans Pinto	10,800	10,600	2,380.0 cwt	252,000 cwt		
Chickpeas All (Garbanzo)	2,200	2,100	1,570.0 cwt	33,000 cwt		
Chickpeas Small (Garbanzo Smaller than 20/64 in)	900	800	1,750.0 cwt	14,000 cwt		
Chickpeas Large (Garbanzo Larger than 20/64 in)	1,300	1,300	1,460.0 cwt	19,000 cwt		
Beans Other Dry Edible	0	0	0.0 cwt	0 cwt		
Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures - New Seedings	105,000					
Field & Misc Crops	9,222,000					

**2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile**  
**United States Department of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Montana - Ranked items within U.S. 2002**

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,882,114	32	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	733,324	31	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,148,791	29	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	507,090	18	50
Tobacco			23
Cotton and cottonseed			17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	28,027	36	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,771	40	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	33,832	42	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	623	39	50
Other crops and hay	157,980	16	50
Poultry and eggs	5,243	46	50
Cattle and calves	1,015,169	11	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	41,842	43	50
Hogs and pigs	26,531	27	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	21,210	8	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12,870	27	50
Aquaculture	4,185	27	50
Other animals and other animal products	21,740	11	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	2,396,764	11	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	349,040	42	50
Sheep and lambs	305,753	7	50
Hogs and pigs	172,951	25	50
Colonies of bees	108,617	6	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
All Wheat for grain	4,876,699	3	48
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,590,090	9	50
Barley	902,163	2	43
Sugarbeets for sugar	56,027	5	14
Corn for silage	50,094	27	49

**Other Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:		Farms by value of sales	
Farming	17,710	Less than \$1,000	7,968
Other	10,160	\$1,000 to \$2,499	2,149
		\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,776
Principal operators by sex:		\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,162
Male	24,203	\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,271
Female	3,667	\$20,000 to \$24,999	772
		\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,780
Average age of principal operator (years)	55	\$40,000 to \$49,999	938
		\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,027
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:		\$100,000 to \$249,999	3,399
White	40,669	\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,108
Black or African American	9	\$500,000 or more	520
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,259		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,862,305
Asian	38	Average per farm (\$)	66,814
More than one race	140		
		Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	350,334
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	480	Average per farm (\$)	12,569

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.